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SUBJECT: CSCE: FOLLOW-UP

1. DURING APRIL 4 MEETING WITH STAFFDEL HENDERSON,
ACTING FONOFF CSCE DEPARTMENT CHIEF GEHL INDICATED

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THAT EC-9 HAD SHELVED EARLIER FRG PROPOSAL THAT GROUP

OF OFFICIALS AT CURRENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE LEVEL MEET ANNUALLY IN DIFFERENT CAPITALS DURING THE THREE TO FOUR YEARS FOLLOWING CSCE CONCLUSION. UNDER GERMAN PROPOSALS, OFFICIALS WOULD HAVE APPRAISED PROGRESS AND SERVED AS SURVEILLANCE INSTRUMENT CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF BASKETS II AND III (BUT NOT BASKET I) AGREEMENTS.

2. GEHL SAID THE NINE, AND PARTICULARLY FRANCE, HAD REACTED NEGATIVELY, CONTENDING THAT GERMAN PROPOSAL FOR ANNUAL MEETINGS COULD BE EXPLOITED BY SOVIETS AS NUCLEUS OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM, A CONCERN SHARED BY THE FRG. AMBASSADOR BRUNNER HAS REPEATEDLY TOLD US THAT BONN IS ACUTELY AWARE OF THE DYNAMIC CHARACTER OF MEDIUM AND LONG TERM SOVIET GOALS IN GENEVA.

3. GEHL SAID THE EC-9 POSITION IS THAT CSCE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED ONLY BY A PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF 3-4 YEARS , AFTER WHICH PROGRESS IN THE POST-CSCE PERIOD COULD BE ASSESSED AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A SECOND CSCE COULD BE CONSIDERED. GEHL SAID THE 3-4 YEAR DURATION FOR THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD IS ACTUALLY A TACTICAL POSITION; THE NINE PROBABLY WOULD BE READY TO FALL BACK TOWARD THE NEUTRALS' PREFERENCE FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD. GEHL SAID THE FRG PREFERS THE SHORTER TWO-YEAR PERIOD, AND EVEN BETTER ITS EARLIER IDEA OF ANNUAL MEETINGS, AS A REVIEW TYPE CONFERENCE HELD ONLY FOUR YEARS AFTER CSCE WOULD IN THEIR VIEW BE MORE LIKELY TO LEAD TO A SECOND MAJOR CSCE ENTERPRISE.

4. IN CONCLUDING, GEHL NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT BEEN PRESSING OF LATE FOR A STRUCTURED FOLLOW-UP, BUT OPINED THAT THIS IS A RUSSIAN TACTICAL PLOY DESIGNED TO AVOID A DEMANDEUR POSITION. THE GERMANS EXPECT THE SOVIETS TO WEIGH IN SOMETIMES AFTER THE EASTER BREAK FOR THEIR EARLIER IDEA OF A POST-CSCE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.
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